

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SPINAL CORD RESEARCH
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS

Take notice that, in compliance with NJSA 52:14-34.4 et seq. (L. 1987, c.7), the Department of Health and Senior Services hereby publishes notice of grant availability of the following grant program:

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM: New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research
Five-Year Named Chair for Senior and Junior Faculty Grant

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 04-SCR-4

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: NJCSCR Fund Chapter 201 P.L. 1999 NJSA 52:9E-1

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED: Cost-Reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The NJCSCR will fund grants totaling \$1,000,000 for senior faculty and \$600,000 for junior faculty for a Five-Year Named Chair for Senior and Junior Faculty grant to recruit highly qualified researchers to conduct spinal cord research in New Jersey. All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply. The qualifying institution must provide evidence of support such as appropriate laboratory facilities and the commitment of financial support necessary to sustain the research for a minimum of five years. A qualifying research institution may not apply for both a "One-Time Start-Up Cost" grant and a "Five-Year Named Chair for Senior and Junior Faculty" grant using the same faculty member in the same grant year. A person holding one of these positions will be called "New Jersey Professor of Spinal Cord Research."

AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Grants will total \$1,000,000 for senior faculty and \$600,000 for junior faculty (includes direct and indirect costs, a maximum of 10% may be applied to indirect costs). Successful candidates also will receive \$100,000 and \$50,000 respectively in start-up costs. Awards will begin on or about June 15, 2004. The NJCSCR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program 04-SCR-4 as well as among the NJCSCR's other grant programs 04-SCR-1, 04-SCR-3, 04SCR-5. The NJCSCR reserves the right not to fund any grants in this program 04-SCR-4 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Grant awards to all four programs (04-SCR-1, 04-SCR-3, 04-SCR-4, 04-SCR-5) will not exceed \$6,500,000. Any change either in awardee or the research focus on spinal cord injury will result in the revocation of the award and the return of all funds on a prorated basis. Annual funding within the five-year period will be contingent upon the availability of funds and the submission of an annual Narrative Report that is favorably reviewed by an independent scientific merit review panel. The panel's continuation recommendations will be made to the NJCSCR for funding approval. Project periods may not exceed five years. An Evaluation Form must be submitted to the NJCSCR office each year for two years following termination of a Five-Year Named Chair grant.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
2. General and Specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply for Five-Year Named Chair for Senior and Junior Faculty grants under this program. A qualifying institution is defined as any academic institution, research organization, public or private institution or other entity, located in the State of New Jersey, with demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded research, and specifically approved by the vote of the Commission, but in no case can an individual be a qualifying research institution.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

A **Senior Faculty candidate** will have a Ph.D. and/or M.D., an outstanding record of excellence and achievement in areas relevant to spinal cord injury research, high quality publications, a national/international reputation, demonstrated leadership capabilities, evidence of sustained success in competitive science funding, and a commitment to the development of practical therapies. Experienced researchers in other fields moving to spinal cord research also will be considered.

A Junior Faculty candidate will have a Ph.D. and/or M.D., appropriate postdoctoral experience in a well-established research facility, and confidential recommendations from the director and senior leaders of their present research setting.

Outside references will enhance the application. Applications are evaluated based upon evidence provided by the qualifying institution that the proposed candidate has accepted a position and that appropriate research facilities are available or will be provided by the start date of this award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications and NJCSCR Research Guidelines governing grants are available from the NJCSCR office, or can be downloaded from the website at www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/. Review and the awarding of grants will occur once a year.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Letter of Intent – November 1, 2003
Applications – December 8, 2003

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Notification – May 28, 2004

Date

Commissioner of Health and Senior Services

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